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## BIOGRAPHIES

### Chairperson of the African Union Commission

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In July 2012, H. E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma was elected Chairperson of the African Union Commission by the Heads of State in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She is the first woman to lead the continental organisation, including its predecessor, the Organization of African Unity.

She obtained her BSc degree and started her medical studies at the University of Natal, where her involvement with the anti-apartheid struggle began.

After the 1994 elections, Dr. Dlamini Zuma was appointed as Minister of Health in the cabinet of then President Nelson Mandela.

In 1999, then President Thabo Mbeki appointed Dr. Dlamini Zuma as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In 2009, she was appointed Minister of Home Affairs.



### NEPAD Agency Chief Executive Officer

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Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki of the Republic of Niger is the Chief Executive Officer of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency.

A former Prime Minister of Niger, from 1997 to 2000, Dr. Mayaki has a Masters Degree from the National School of Public Administration (Enap), Quebec, Canada and a PhD in Administrative Sciences from University of Paris I, France. He worked as a Professor of Public Administration in Niger and Venezuela. Between 1996 and 1997 he was successively appointed Minister in charge of the African Integration and Cooperation and Minister of Foreign Affairs. In August 2000, he set up the Analysis Centre for Public Policy. From 2000 to 2004, Dr. Mayaki was a guest Professor at the University of Paris XI, where he lectured on international relations and organizations; he also led research at the Research Centre on Europe and the Contemporary World within that University. In 2004, he served as Executive Director of the Platform in support of Rural Development in West and Central Africa, the Rural Hub, based in Dakar, Senegal, from where he was appointed NEPAD Chief Executive Officer in January 2009.



## President of the African Development Bank Group

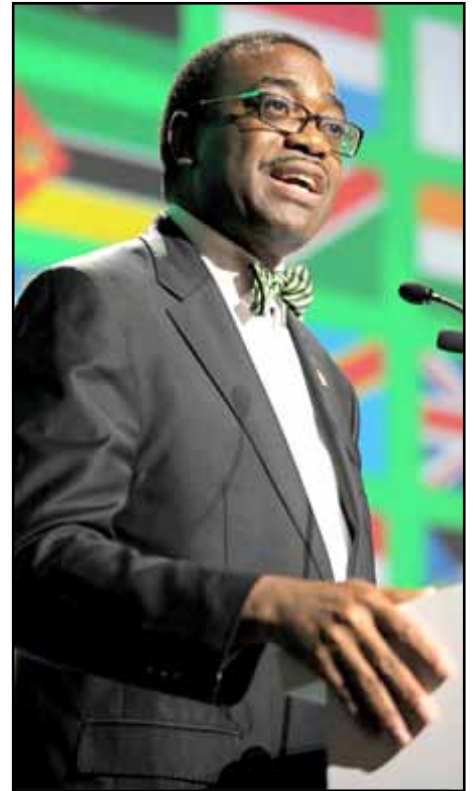
Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina is the 8<sup>th</sup> elected President of the African Development Bank Group. He was elected to the position on May 28, 2015 by the Bank's Board of Governors at its Annual Meetings in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

He took office at the Bank's headquarters in Abidjan on September 1, 2015 and will serve an initial five-year term.

Adesina, 55, is a distinguished development economist and agricultural development expert with 25 years of international experience. He is the first Nigerian to serve as President of the Bank Group.

Adesina served as Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development from 2011 to 2015, during which time he implemented bold policy reforms in the fertilizer sector and pursued innovative agricultural investment programs to expand opportunities for the private sector.

He was previously Vice-President (Policy and Partnerships) of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). He was also Associate Director (Food Security) at the Rockefeller Foundation in New York, where he worked for a decade (1998-2008) in senior leadership positions, including as Regional Office Director and Representative for Southern Africa.



## What is the PIDA Week?

The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) is an African Union Commission (AUC) initiative, in partnership with the NEPAD Agency and the African Development Bank (AfDB). During the 18th ordinary session of the African Union (AU) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 29 and 30 January 2012, the AU Assembly (Assembly/AU/Decl.2 (XVIII)) approved PIDA.

PIDA is a continental initiative that aims at addressing the infrastructure deficit that hampers Africa's competitiveness in the world market. It provides a common framework for African stakeholders to build the infrastructure necessary, to increase intra-African trade and thus boost socio-economic development in the continent.

In order to create an enabling environment, increase human capacity and to mobilize high level support, PIDA, since 2012, has organized activities including the first meeting of the Council for Infrastructure Development in January 2014, Dakar Financing

Summit in June 2014, launch of the PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism in November 2014, and launch of the Continental Business Network in June 2015.

In addition, initiatives such as the Projects Preparation Facilities (PPF) Network as well as the PIDA Journalists Network have been established to facilitate synergies among donors and to increase the visibility of PIDA projects and their impacts.

PIDA-related meetings such as the Steering Committee, the Council for Infrastructure Development (CID), the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) meetings, the NEPAD IPPF meeting, the Continental Business Network meeting etc. were organized separately. In order to create synergies among these meetings, the AUC and the NEPAD Agency in collaboration with the AfDB are organizing the first ever PIDA Week in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire from 13 to 17 November 2015.

This concept note briefly summarizes the objectives, structure and organization of this planned PIDA week.

## Why do we need a PIDA Week?

The integration of the aforementioned events into one PIDA week and the marketing of them will certainly create synergies among the different implementation initiatives and will enhance PIDA as a brand. It will further give better leverage to gather high-level personalities from politics and business. PIDA week is also expected to bring together the AUC Chairperson, the AfDB President, RECs CEOs and prominent business leaders.

In addition to the statutory meetings of the Steering Committee, the Infrastructure Advisory Group (IAG), the Council for Infrastructure Development (CID) and ICA PIDA week will also have:

- Panel discussion on Gender and Inclusive Infrastructure Development;
- Panel discussion on PIDA and its triggering

effect in the realization of Agenda 2063;

- High-level discussion on the job creation effects of infrastructure development;
- Roundtable discussion with partners on PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM);
- Visit of the Abidjan-Lagos-Corridor.

The PIDA Week will help in preparing and formulating measures that need to be undertaken, by the African Heads of States and Governments, to bring high-level political decisions particularly on projects that are facing barriers at government level. It will also address the private sector contribution to the project implementation on the ground.

Furthermore, the PIDA week will increase the visibility of PIDA projects and their impacts on the African economies.

## Structure of the PIDA Week

The PIDA Week will be an opportunity to join forces. It will cover all the central components necessary for PIDA Implementation, namely:

- The PIDA Steering Committee for the Operational Implementation
- The Council for Infrastructure Development (CID) for the Political Implementation
- The Continental Business Network (CBN) to increase private sector involvement for infrastructure projects implementation
- The Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA), the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation

Fund (IPPF) and Africa50 for the Financial Implementation

- The tunnel of funds approach to accelerate project implementation from early-stage project preparation through PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism via the network of PPFs to final project financing by Africa50 Fund
- Various panel discussions on the importance and the benefits of regional infrastructure for Africa's socio-economic development
- Market Places to promote selected priority PIDA PAP Projects

## The main events are the following:

### PIDA Steering Committee Meeting

AUC, NPCA, AfDB, RECs and partners such as GIZ convene at the 4th PIDA Steering Committee meeting. This meeting is being organized in a more results-oriented and efficient manner - with a good preparation and clear outcomes. During the meeting, discussions on the central pillars of PIDA-PAP implementation such as the PIDA Continental Business Network, PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism, PIDA Information Management (VPic and AID), and PIDA Capacity Building Program, will be held. Moreover, the current status of the PIDA-PAP Implementation Progress Report 2015 will be presented and complemented in order to track the status of PIDA implementation and to identify the bottlenecks. Furthermore, the PIDA Implementation Workplan for 2016 is expected to be developed.

### Media Briefing

The Representatives of media, including big, international media houses as well as members of the PIDA Journalist Network, will receive a briefing on the PIDA Week on their reporting and coverage modalities. During the week the media is expected to cover the events..

### Project Site Visit

The Abidjan-Lagos Corridor is a PIDA Flagship project. It covers a total distance of 1,028km and connects some of the largest and economically most

dynamic cities in West Africa, namely Abidjan, Accra, Cotonou, Lagos and Lomé. The Corridor also links vibrant sea ports, serving all the landlocked countries in the region, thus facilitating intra- and inter-regional trade. In the recognition of the importance of this section of road the Presidents of the five project countries agreed to work towards the construction of the 2x3 lane Highway from Abidjan to Lagos. Following this agreement, the Corridor was selected to be the pilot project of the so-called PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism (PIDA SDM) to receive technical assistance for early-stage project preparation to advance the project to feasibility.

The Project Site Visit shall give participants the opportunity to actually see and feel a PIDA project and its advancing implementation on the ground. The bus leaves the AfDB premises at 9am and drives along the corridor to Bassam, which is about 45 minutes away from Abidjan. At Bassam there will be a short stop and a presentation before the participants return back to Abidjan. Several presentations and explanations on the project will be given by the Cote d'Ivoire Ministry of Infrastructure, the Organization of the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor (OCAL) and the ECOWAS Commission.

### Infrastructure Advisory Group (IAG) Meeting

The IAG shall propose concrete actions to accelerate PIDA-PAP implementation towards the Council for Infrastructure Development (CID) for endorsement.

During this meeting, the PIDA Steering Committee will present the current status of PIDA-PAP implementation and propose recommendations for IAG's consideration. The outcomes of the IAG meeting on key issues will be used as input to the report to be submitted to the CID on the following day.

## PIDA's impact in the Implementation of the Agenda 2063 aspirations

During this panel discussion the different target groups including African citizens, politicians, financiers, project developers, civil society, media will be updated on regional infrastructure development and PIDA in particular. This panel discussion with PIDA stakeholders, academia, NGOs and business representatives will explain how PIDA helps to transform Africa according to the vision outlined in the Agenda 2063 and shall help to raise awareness about the importance of infrastructure services for Africa's development. The panel will also provide a platform to discuss the socio-economic and environmental risks of mega infrastructure projects and elaborate on approaches that could minimize and manage these risks.

## NEPAD IPPF Meeting

During this meeting, PIDA projects which were prepared by NEPAD IPPF will be presented.

## PIDA Week Launching Cocktail

This event comprises the ceremonial opening of the PIDA Week including a PIDA Exhibition and a presentation on "PIDA and its current state of implementation". The PIDA Progress Implementation Report 2015 will be distributed.

## Council for Infrastructure Development (CID) Meeting

The Council for Infrastructure Development (CID) is part of the Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure Development in Africa (IAIDA) which was adopted by the African Heads of State and Government during the 18th AU Summit in January 2012. The CID is composed of the AUC Chairperson, the NEPAD CEO, the AfDB President, Ministers President of Bureau of the Special Technical Committees (STC) in

charge of Infrastructure and Energy the CEOs of the RECs, the Chairperson of PICI and others. Its main task is to provide the AU Executive Council with its recommendations on how to tackle challenges in the implementation of PIDA projects and guarantee a successful realization of the program by 2020. During the CID meeting the CEO of NPCA will report to the CID on the achievements and bottlenecks within the PIDA implementation. Based on this the CID shall formulate its recommendations to the ministerial follow up committee and NEPAD Head of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC).

## High-level Dinner on Africa50 Fund

The purpose of this dinner is to discuss and re-confirm the role of the Africa50 Fund in financing the implementation of PIDA projects.

## ICA Annual Meeting

The role of the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) is to act as a catalyst in improving Africa's infrastructure services by leveraging its convening and coordinating capacity. The ICA Annual Meetings shall further comprise a session of the PPF-Network to discuss and agree upon modes of cooperation to jointly tackle the complex and large-scale preparation of cross-border PIDA projects. The detailed agenda for the ICA Meetings is to be provided by ICA.

## Gender and Infrastructure Development

A panel discussion on maximizing the contribution that regional infrastructure can make to equitable and inclusive growth and development across Africa. Panellists are Shem Simuyemba (African Development Bank), Julie Babinard (World Bank), Sonomi Tanaka (ADB) and Sheila Oparaocha (Energia).

## Innovative Funding Initiatives for the Power Sector in Africa

This session will focus on recent best practices of innovative financing initiatives and implementation of projects that could transform the African power sector in the near future. These innovative initiatives include: (i) The Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility hosted and managed by the African Union Commission aiming at reducing the risk associated with geothermal resource exploration and costs





at early stage; (ii) the Ruzizi III financing and development IPP model; (iii) the financing of Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam partially with domestic resources; (iv) the Kaleta hydropower project fast implementation in around three years due to innovative financing mechanism and (iv) the case of the West Africa Power transmission line Cote d'Ivoire-Liberia-Sierra Leone-Guinea.

## Gala Dinner

The African Development Bank is organizing a gala dinner. During the dinner selected PIDA projects which made exemplary progress in the past will be awarded. A cultural program will accompany the gala dinner.

## ICA Annual Meeting: Plenary Meeting

The Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) holds a plenary meeting themed "Implementing Renewable Energy Initiatives in Africa".

## Closing Session and final press conference

The aim of the final press conference with all invited media is to inform the wider public about the relevant decisions and actions taken during the PIDA week. The media will summarize the PIDA Week during this closing session.

## Closing Cocktail

To festively close the First PIDA Week, the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) will organize a closing cocktail.



# PROGRAMME

Friday 13 November 2015

09:00-13:00 PIDA Steering Committee (Closed)

## Co-Chairs

1. Mr. Aboubakari Baba-Moussa, Director for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
2. Mr. Symerre Grey-Johnson, Head of Infrastructure Services Business Unit, NEPAD Agency

## Objective

This Internal meeting of the PIDA stakeholders will consider the PIDA PAP implementation progress report with the objective to identify the main challenges that hamper proper implementation of the PIDA PAP. In addition to project implementation on ground, the report will highlight the progress on the capacity building project, the resource mobilization, the M&E system and the Infrastructure Database.

The expected result of the meeting is to select key recommendations to be forwarded to the Infrastructure Advisory Group (IAG) for endorsement.

## Opening Remarks

1. H. E. Mr. Patrick Achi, Minister of Economic Infrastructure, Côte d'Ivoire
2. Mr. Aboubakari Baba-Moussa, Director of Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
3. Mr. Symerre Grey-Johnson, Head of Infrastructure Services Business Unit, NEPAD Agency
4. Ms. Moono Mupolota, Director of NEPAD Regional Integration and Trade Department, African Development Bank
5. Partners

## Participants

1. African Union Commission
2. NEPAD Agency
3. African Development Bank
4. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
5. Regional Economic Communities: ECOWAS, SADC, COMESA, ECCAS, EAC, IGAD, UMA, CEN-SAD
6. European Union, GIZ

Room: **1H**

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:30 Infrastructure Advisory Groups (IAG) (Closed)

## Chair

H. E. Dr. Elham M. A. Ibrahim, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission

## Objective

The summary of the PIDA PAP implementation progress report prepared by the Steering Committee will be presented with a focus on the key recommendations aiming at facilitating and accelerating the implementation of PIDA PAP projects.

As advisor for Infrastructure matters in particular for the PIDA Implementation the participants will comment and adopt the recommendations including, if needed, add any other additional recommendations.

## Opening Remarks

1. Mr. Solomon Asamoah, Vice President, African Development Bank
2. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Agency

## Participants:

1. Director of Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
2. Head of Infrastructure Services Business Unit, NEPAD Agency
3. Director in charge of Infrastructure, African Development Bank
4. Director in charge of infrastructure, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
5. Directors of Infrastructure from the RECs
6. Regional Regulatory Bodies/Associations
7. Regional Development Banks
8. Specialized Institutions (Power pools, African, APUA, AFREC, AFUR, Telecommunications Union, African Union of Railways, etc.)
9. Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative

Room: **1G**



## 17:00-18:00 Media Briefing (By invitation only)

### Chair

Mr. Aboubakari Baba-Moussa, Director of Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission

### Objective

Briefing on PIDA Week and the media involvement in the sessions of the event.

### Opening Remarks

1. Mrs. Wynne Musabayana, Deputy Head of Information and Communication, African Union Commission
2. Ricardo Dunn, Head of Communications, NEPAD Agency

### Participants

1. PIDA Journalists Network Members
2. Invited Media

Room: **1H**

## Saturday 14 November 2015

## 09:00-11:00 PIDA Site Visit along Abidjan-Lagos Corridor (Limited)

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## Participants

1. African Union Commission
2. NEPAD Agency
3. African Development Bank
4. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
5. Regional Economic Communities: ECOWAS, SADC, COMESA, ECCAS, EAC, IGAD, UMA, CEN-SAD
6. Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Organization (ALCO)
7. Ministry of Economic Infrastructure of Côte d'Ivoire
8. PIDA partners such as European Union, Germany, etc.
9. Media including PIDA Journalist Network
10. Private Sector representatives

## Remarks

The number of participants is limited. If you wish to participate to the site visit kindly send an email to Mr. Cheikh Diakhate at [diakhatec@africa-union.org](mailto:diakhatec@africa-union.org) who will confirm your participation.

## 13:00-14:00 Lunch

## 14:00-15:30 Panel on PIDA's impact on the Implementation of the agenda 2063 Aspirations (Open to all)

### Chair

Mr. Ebrime NJIE, Commissioner for Infrastructure, ECOWAS Commission

### Objective

Panel discussion will be held on the socio-economic and ecological impact of PIDA notably contribution to the attainment of the Agenda 2063 aspirations. An introductory presentation will be made by the Director of SPPMERM followed by contribution of each panelist and a question-answer session will be held with the participants.

### Panelists

1. Mr. Aboubakari Baba-Moussa, Director of Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
2. Prof. Tandeka Nkiwane, adviser to the CEO on Inter-Institutional Affairs, NEPAD Agency
3. Director of SPPMERM, African Union Commission
4. Mr. Reiaz Moe Shaik - Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), Group Executive: International Finance
5. Dr Alioun Sall - TBC
6. Mr. Yasushi Naito, former JICA Senior official

## Participants

1. All PIDA Week invitees
2. Media, Representatives of Companies involved in Infrastructure, CBN Members, Academia (Researchers and students), Civil Society (NGOs), Partners

Room: **Auditorium**

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16:00-17:30 **NEPAD-IPPF: Bridging Infrastructure Financing Gap through well prepared projects (By invitation only)**

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### Chair

Mr. Shem Simuyemba, Manager NEPAD-IPPF, African Development Bank

### Objective

To identify opportunities for accelerating well prepared infrastructure projects to attract financing.

### Speakers

1. Project sponsors
2. Lida Fitts, USTDA
3. Alwyn Coetzee, Manager Project preparation, DBSA
4. Mtchera Chirwa, Chief PPP and Infrastructure Specialist, AfDB

### Participants

1. African Union Commission
2. NEPAD Agency
3. African Development Bank
4. NEPAD IPPF
5. UNECA
6. USTDA
7. Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
8. World Bank PPIAF
9. Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
10. Specialized Infrastructure Institutions (Power pools, etc.)
11. Development Partners

Room: **1H**

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19:00-21:00 **IPIDA Week Launching Cocktail (Open to all) PI**

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Ceremonial Opening of the PIDA Week including PIDA

Exhibition, Presentation on "PIDA and its current state of implementation: What have we achieved, where are our challenges?"

### Welcome Remarks

Mr. Solomon Asamoah, Vice President, African Development Bank

**Sunday 15 November 2015**

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13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

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14:00-17:00 **Innovative Funding Initiatives for the Power Sector in Africa (Open to all)**

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### Chair

Mr. Ibrahima Thiam, Former President of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA)

### Objective

This session will focus on recent best practices of innovative financing initiatives and implementation of projects that could transform the African power sector in the near future. These innovative initiatives include: (i) The Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility hosted and managed by the African Union Commission that aims at reducing the risk associated with geothermal resource exploration and costs incurred at early stage; (ii) the Ruzizi III financing and development IPP model; (iii) the financing of Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam partially with domestic resources; (iv) the Kaleta hydropower project fast implementation in around three years due to innovative financing mechanism and (iv) the case of the West Africa Power transmission line Cote d'Ivoire-Liberia-Sierra Leone-Guinea.

The session will also discuss: (i) the increasing need for exchange and coordination across the growing number of initiatives and programs. in the sector: in this regard a mapping report was discussed at SAIREC in Cape Town and inputs provided; (ii) the AfDB President Initiative of New Deal on Energy for Africa launched in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire on 17th September 2015 and (iii) the progress on Africa Power Vision implementation.

### Panelists

1. Mr. Philippe Niyongabo, Energy expert
2. Pr. El Missiry Mosad, Snr. Advisor to CEO on Renewable and Sustainable Energy Initiatives, NEPAD Agency
3. Mr. Alex Rugamba, AfDB
4. Mr Didier Tella, DG APUA
5. Representative of Energy of the Great Lakes



6. Representative of EEPCo (Ethiopia)
7. Representative of West Africa Power Pool
8. Representative of Electricity of Guinea

### Participants

All PIDA Week invitees

Room: **Auditorium**

14:00-17:00 **Review of the transport programmes of the PIDA-PAP**  
 (Open to all)

### Chair

Mr. David Kajange, Head of Transport and Tourism Division in the African Union Commission

### Objective

This session will review the situation of the 24 programs retained in the PIDA-PAP for the transport sector. After a brief introduction on these programs, each REC will present the PIDA-PAP projects/activities already conducted, on-going and planned in their regions. The session will then review the overall level of implementation of the PIDA-PAP consolidate the actions already realized and propose next steps. This review will be conducted by category of programs that can be split under the following 7 groups: (i) four continental programs, (ii) nine road and OSBP programs along key corridors, (iii) four programs dealing with ports and rails projects, (iv) two regional air transport projects, (v) two rail road programs, (vi) one river/road program and (vii) one rail program. For each group of programs, the session will review the overall and specific objectives, the expected results, the project challenges, the recommended next steps and the funding requirement as proposed in the PIDA-PAP program. The discussion will aim at up-dating the recommendation of the PIDA program and proposing a set of future actions to speed-up the implementation of the PIDA PAP. The Specialized Institutions and Agencies (AFCAC, Corridor authorities, Regional ports associations, UAR, CICOS...) are invited to contribute during the discussion.

### Panelists

1. Dr. Maurice Niaty-Mouamba
2. Mr. Adama Deen, Snr. Advisor to CEO on Strategic Infrastructure Initiatives, NEPAD Agency
3. Representative from Tripartite EAC-COMESA-SADC
4. Representative from ECOWAS
5. Representative from ECCAS
6. Representative from UMA
7. Representative of AFCAC
8. Representative of MOWCA

### Participants:

All PIDA Week invitees

Room: **Auditorium**

17:30-19:00 **Panel Discussion on "PIDA Creating Jobs for Africa's Youth"** (Open to all)

### Chair

Prof. Costantinos Berhutesfa Costantinos, Professor of Public Policy, School of Graduate Studies, College of Management, Information and Economic Sciences, Addis Ababa University

### Objective

One of the major challenges for the African continent in the upcoming years and decades will be to absorb the ever growing young population by sustainably creating new jobs. According to the World Bank, Africa's working age population has recently been growing by 13 million or 2.7% every year. This high-level panel discussion will highlight the importance of interconnected and reliable infrastructure services for an industrialized and service-oriented Africa that provides enough job opportunities for its growing youth. Furthermore, the panel shall debate on how infrastructure development should be steered and implemented to best serve the purpose of job creation. The panel also discusses the design of the right policies to leverage Africa's demographic dividend, combined with regional development programs supported by the PIDA continental framework, to be catalyst to Africa's transformation.

### Speakers

1. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO of NEPAD Agency
2. Prof. Ahmadou Aly Mbaye, Doyen and Professor of Economic Science and Management, Cheikh Anta Diop University Dakar
3. Moe Shaik, Group Executive Manager, International Financing, DBSA
4. Yofi Grant, non-Executive Director of Databank Brokerage Ltd., Databank Private Equity Ltd and Databank Financial Services Ltd

### Participants

All PIDA Week invitees

Room: **Auditorium**

19:00-20:00 **Cocktail Reception Offered by GIZ**  
 (Open to all)

Room: **AfDB Dining Area**

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19:00-21:00 **High Level Dinner on Africa50 Fund**  
(Closed)

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### Chair

Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank Group

### Participants

1. H. E. Dr. Elham M. A. Ibrahim, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
2. H. E. Mrs. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture
3. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO of NEPAD Agency
4. President of the Africa50 Fund
5. Other VIPs

Room: **Sofitel Hotel, Abidjan**

**Monday 16 November 2015**

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09:00-11:00 **Council for Infrastructure Development (CID)** (Closed)

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### Chair

H. E. Dr. Elham M. A. Ibrahim, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission

### Objective:

The NPCA CEO will present the summary of the PIDA PAP implementation progress report to the participants. Key recommendations aiming at unlocking barriers and accelerating the implementation of projects will be highlighted as way forward.

After discussions, the participants will adopt recommendations to be forwarded to the Ministerial Follow Up Committee and the NEPAD Head of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) for necessary actions.

### Opening Remarks

1. Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank Group
2. H. E. Dr. Elham M. A. Ibrahim, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission

### Speakers

1. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Agency
2. Moe Shaik, Group Executive Manager, International Financing, DBSA

### Participants

1. Chairperson of the African Union Commission
2. Ministers, Presidents of Bureau of the Special Technical Committees (STC) in charge of Infrastructure and Energy
3. President of African Development Bank
4. Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
5. CEOs of Regional Economic Communities
6. CEO of NEPAD Agency
7. Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
8. Commissioner of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission

Room: **2H**

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08:30-18:30 **Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) Member Meetings**  
(By Invitation) (cf. ICA Agenda)

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Room: **1G**

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09:00-12:30 **ICA Project Preparation Facilities Network (PPFN) Meeting** (Open to All) (cf. ICA Agenda)

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Room: **1H**

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12:30-14:00 **Panel on Gender and Infrastructure Development** (Open to all)

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### Chair

Representative of the Office of the Special Envoy on Gender from the African Development Bank

### Panelists

1. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy for Gender, African Development Bank
2. Prof. Valerie Ongolo Zogo, Head - Research, Planning, Programming and Cooperation Division, Ministry of Transport, Cameroon
3. Ms. Uzma Hoque, Senior Gender Specialist, Asian Development Bank (tbc)
4. Mr. Makambwe, Chair, Southern Africa Cross Border Traders Association
5. Prof. Bitange Ndemo, Chair of ICT, University of Nairobi Business School



6. Mr. M. Kappiah, Managing Director, ECOWAS Centre for Energy Efficiency

### Participants

All PIDA Week invitees

Room: **2H**

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19:00-21:00 **Cocktail (Open to all)**

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### Participants

All PIDA Week invitees

Room: **AfDB Dining Area**

**Tuesday 17 November 2015**

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09:00- 17:00 **Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) Plenary Meeting (Open to All) (cf. ICA Agenda)**

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18:30-19:30 **Closing Sessions and Final Press Conference (By invitation only)**

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### Chair

Mrs. Wynne Musabayana, Deputy Head Information and Communication, African Union Commission

### Objective

Presentation of concrete outcomes of the PIDA Week and summary of the week given by journalists

### Speakers

1. H. E. Dr. Elham M.A. Ibrahim, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
2. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Agency

### Participants

All PIDA Week invitees

Room: **Auditorium**

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18:30-19:30 **Closing Cocktail offered by ICA (Open to all)**

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Room: **AfDB Dining Area**



